

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 2-4 and 8-20 and leaves claims 5-7 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 5-7.

Claims 2-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Schultz (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,723). As indicated above, claims 2-4 and 8-20 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 2-4 and 8-20 is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

With respect to the above noted rejection, it appears that the Examiner made an error by including claims 5-7 as part of this rejection. From the Office Action it is clear that the Examiner intended for claims 5-7 to be allowable since in the Office Action Summary claims 5-7 were indicated as being objected to and in paragraph 6 on page 6 of the text of the Office Action claims 5-7 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present Amendment, claims 5-7 have been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 5-7 are now in condition for allowance since they have been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, allowance of the present application based on claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.36148CX2).

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